

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

INGRID LAWRENCE SMYRNA in  
her representative capacity as the  
personal representative of the Estate  
of ANDREW JUNIOR SMYRNA,  
deceased; Bria Maddox on behalf of  
Jai Maddox, the minor children of  
ANDREW JUNIOR SMYRNA,  
deceased, and Ashley Weems on  
behalf of Brooklyn Smyrna, the minor  
children of ANDREW JUNIOR  
SMYRNA, deceased,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGIA STATE TROOPER  
BRANDON BYRD; ATLANTA  
POLICE OFFICER AUBREE  
HORTON; TIM BURELL; JOSEPH  
RIVERA; HERTZ VEHICLES, LLC;  
and NATIONAL INSURANCE  
CRIME BUREAU, INC.,

Defendants.

Case Number 1:21-cv-04481-AT

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**JOINT MEDIATION STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's October 22, 2024 Order (Dkt. 282), the Parties, by and through their undersigned counsel of record, submit the following Joint Mediation Status Report:

1. Plaintiffs and Defendants Hertz Vehicles, LLC, Tim Burell, National Insurance Crime Bureau, Inc. and Joseph Rivera participated in a mediation on December 9, 2024. All such parties reached a settlement and are jointly finalizing formal settlement documents. Plaintiffs will later seek Court approval of such settlement given the minor status of certain Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs and Defendants Hertz Vehicles, LLC, Tim Burell, National Insurance Crime Bureau, Inc., and Joseph Rivera therefore respectfully request that all deadlines related to them, including those pertaining to expert discovery and summary judgment, be stayed while such settlement agreement is finalized, presented for approval, and otherwise fully effectuated.

2. Plaintiffs and Defendant Byrd participated in mediation on December 16, 2024. Said parties were not able to reach a settlement at mediation, but are continuing their settlement efforts and endeavoring to reach a resolution on or before February 1, 2025. Said parties will provide a written status update to the Court in that regard on or before February 5, 2025, and respectfully request that all deadlines related to them, including those pertaining to expert discovery and summary judgment, be stayed through and until that time.

3. Following mediation, Plaintiffs have agreed to dismiss Defendant Horton from this case and agreed to forego substitution of Horton's Estate as a Defendant. Plaintiffs will file a stipulation of dismissal of Defendant Horton on or

before the Court's December 20<sup>th</sup> deadline to substitute his Estate.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of December, 2024.

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**CERTIFICATION OF FONT SIZE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1D, Northern District of Georgia, I hereby certify that the foregoing pleading is prepared using the 14-point Times New Roman font approved in Local Rule 5.1C, Northern District of Georgia.

This 19th day of December, 2024.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 19, 2024, I electronically filed the within and foregoing Joint Mediation Status Report with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will automatically send email notification of such filing to all attorneys of record.

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